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Amendments to the Claims: This listing of Claims replaces all previous versions.

Claims 1-54 (Cancelled)

Claim 55. (Previously Presented) A process for making a brewed coffee beverage comprising:

- a) brewing a coffee extract in a brewer;
- b) storing the coffee extract in the brewer in contact with coffee grounds for from about 5 minutes to about 48 hours after ~~onset~~ completion of brewing the extract; and
- c) preparing the coffee beverage by successively filtering and dispensing at least a portion of the coffee extract stored in the brewer.

Claim 56. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the portion of coffee extract is diluted after filtering but before dispensing.

Claim 57. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the coffee extract stored in contact with the grounds is sealed from oxygen.

Claim 58. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 56 wherein the portion of coffee extract is diluted with water at a ratio of from about 1:1 to about 1:15.

Claim 59. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the portion of coffee extract is diluted about 5 minutes to about 48 hours after filtering but before dispensing.

Claim 60. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 59 wherein the portion of coffee extract is diluted with water at a ratio of from about 1:1 to about 1:15.

Claim 61. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 comprising filtering the portion of coffee extract at least about 15 minutes after the ~~onset~~ completion of brewing the coffee extract.

Claim 62. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 comprising filtering the portion of coffee extract at least about 30 minutes after the ~~onset~~ completion of brewing the coffee extract.

Claim 63. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the coffee extract is stored in the brewer for less than about 24 hours after the ~~onset~~ completion of brewing the coffee extract.

Claim 64. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the coffee extract is stored in the brewer for less than about 12 hours after the ~~onset~~ completion of brewing the coffee extract.

Claim 65. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the coffee extract has brew solids of from about 1.2% to about 10%.

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Claim 66. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 65 wherein the coffee extract has brew solids of from about 2% to about 3.5%.

Claim 67. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the coffee extract is brewed using from about 1100 milliliters to about 4500 milliliters of water.

Claim 68. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the coffee extract has a water to dry coffee ratio of from about 5:1 to about 24:1, by weight of the water and dry coffee.

Claim 69. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the coffee extract is brewed using from about 76.5 grams to about 410 grams of coffee.

Claim 70. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 69 wherein the coffee extract is brewed using from about 176.5 grams to about 368 grams of coffee.

Claim 71. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the coffee beverage has brew solids of from about 0.35% to about 1.5%.

Claim 72. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 71 wherein the coffee beverage has brew solids of from about 0.7% to about 1%.

Claim 73. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 59 wherein the coffee extract is stored at less than about 170°F after filtering but prior to dilution.

Claim 74. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 73 wherein the coffee extract is stored at less than about 50°F after filtering but prior to dilution.

Claim 75. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the coffee extract is stored at a temperature of greater than about 170°F prior to filtering.

Claim 76. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 75 wherein the coffee extract is stored at a temperature of greater than about 150°F prior to filtering.

Claim 77. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein a serving of the coffee beverage is from about 200 milliliters to about 500 milliliters.

Claim 78. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the coffee extract is brewed using a variety selected from the group consisting of Robusta, Arabica, Columbian, Mexican, Costa Rican, Guatemalan and combinations thereof.

Claim 79. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 55 wherein the coffee extract is brewed using a coffee selected from the group consisting of whole bean, roast and ground, flaked and combinations thereof.